

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A flat panel display device 1 capable of displaying images on both its front and back panels includes first pixel electrodes 31 and 32 disposed at pixels 11b and second optically transparent pixel electrodes 32 disposed at pixels 11a, and common electrodes 35 and 36 provided with optically transparent portions corresponding to first pixel electrodes 31 and 32 and light shielding portions corresponding to second pixel electrodes 32. Optical layers 34 are further disposed between first pixel electrodes 31 and 32 and common electrodes 35 and 36 to change an optical property in response to electric energy applied between first pixel electrodes 31 and 32 and common electrodes 35 and 36. Second optical layers 34 are also disposed between second pixel electrodes 32 and common electrodes 35 and 36 to change an optical property in response to electric energy applied between second pixel electrodes 32 and common electrodes 35 and 36.

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